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Sec. 386 (a) AUTHORITY.—(1) The Secretary may enter into agreements with 1 or more holders of a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under section 373(b) of this Act or section 9 of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 719g) or with an entity the Secretary determines is qualified to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas project to transport liquefied natural gas from Southcentral Alaska to West Coast states, to issue Federal guarantee instruments with respect to loans and other debt obligations for a qualified infrastructure project.

Sec. 386 (b) CONDITIONS.—(1) The Secretary may issue a Federal guarantee instrument for a qualified infrastructure project only after a certificate of public convenience and necessity under section 373(b) of this Act or an amended certificate under section 9 of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 719g) has been issued for the project, or after the Secretary certifies there exists a qualified entity to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas project to transport liquefied natural gas from Southcentral Alaska to West Coast States. In no case shall loan guarantees be issued for more than one qualified project.

Sec. 386 (c) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNTS.- (2) The principal amount of loans and other debt obligations guaranteed under this section shall not exceed, in the aggregate, \$18,000,000,000, which amount shall be indexed for United States dollar inflation from the date of enactment of this Act, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, Provided that. The total amount of principle that may be guaranteed for a qualified liquefied natural gas project may not exceed a principle amount in which the cost of loan guarantees, as defined by section 502(5) of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (2 U.S.C. 661a(5)), exceeds \$2,000,000,000.

Sec. 386 (g) DEFINITIONS - (4) The term "qualified infrastructure project" means an Alaskan natural gas transportation project or system consisting of the design, engineering, finance, construction, and completion of pipelines and related transportation and production systems (including gas treatment plants, liquification plants and liquefied on ly natural gas tankers for transportation of liquefied natural gas from Southcentral Alaska to the West Coast), and appurtenances thereto, that are used to transport natural gas from the Alaska North Slope to the continental United States.

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